UNITED
NATIONS

CRC

Convention on the
Rights of the Child

Distr.
GENERAL

CRC/C/SR.233
13 June 1995

Original: ENGLISH

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

Ninth session

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 233rd MEETING

Held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
on Friday, 9 June 1995, at 11 a.m.

Chairperson: Ms. BELEMBAOGO

CONTENTS

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF STATES PARTIES (continued)

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

CLOSURE OF THE SESSION

This record is subject to correction.

Corrections should be submitted in one of the working languages. They should be set forth in a memorandum and also incorporated in a copy of the record. They should be sent within one week of the date of this document to the Official Records Editing Section, room E.4108, Palais des Nations, Geneva.

Any corrections to the records of the meetings of the Committee at this session will be consolidated in a single corrigendum, to be issued shortly after the end of the session.

GE.95-16969 (E)

The meeting was called to order at 11.30 a.m.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF STATES PARTIES (continued)

1. The CHAIRPERSON invited the Committee to adopt the concluding observations on the various initial reports it had considered.

Nicaragua (CRC/C/15/Add.36)

2. Ms. SANTOS PAIS (Rapporteur) introduced the Committee's draft concluding observations on the initial report of Nicaragua (CRC/C/15/Add.36). She drew particular attention to paragraphs 26 to 41, which contained the Committee's suggestions and recommendations.

3. The concluding observations on the initial report of Nicaragua were adopted.

Canada (CRC/C/15/Add.37)

4. Ms. SANTOS PAIS (Rapporteur) introduced the Committee's draft concluding observations on the initial report of Canada (CRC/C/15/Add.37).

5. The concluding observations on the initial report of Canada were adopted.

Belgium (CRC/C/15/Add.38)

6. Ms. SANTOS PAIS (Rapporteur) introduced the Committee's draft concluding observations on the initial report of Belgium (CRC/C/15/Add.38).

7. The concluding observations on the initial report of Belgium were adopted.

Tunisia (CRC/C/15/Add.39)

8. Ms. SANTOS PAIS (Rapporteur) introduced the Committee's draft concluding observations on the initial report of Tunisia (CRC/C/15/Add.39).

9. The concluding observations on the initial report of Tunisia were adopted.

Sri Lanka (CRC/C/8/Add.40)

10. Ms. SANTOS PAIS (Rapporteur) introduced the Committee's draft concluding observations on the initial report of Sri Lanka (CRC/C/8/Add.40). She drew particular attention to paragraphs 25-44, which contained the Committee's suggestions and recommendations.

11. The concluding observations on the initial report of Sri Lanka were adopted.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

12. Ms. SANTOS PAIS (Rapporteur) introduced the draft report of the Committee on the ninth session (CRC/C/43) and gave a brief summary of the contents.

13. The CHAIRPERSON suggested that the Committee should consider the draft report chapter by chapter.

14. It was so agreed.

Chapter I. Conclusions and recommendations adopted by the Committee on the Rights of the Child

15. Ms. SANTOS PAIS (Rapporteur) said that the chapter reflected the Committee's decision to play an effective part at the Fourth World Conference on Women later in the year and, in particular, to ensure that the rights of the girl child were given due emphasis in the "Platform for Action".

16. Chapter I was adopted.

Chapter II. Organizational and other matters

17. Ms. SANTOS PAIS (Rapporteur) drew the Committee's attention to the inclusion in the chapter of a reference to information on recent developments and activities relevant to the work of the Committee in the statement made by Mr. Fall, Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights, at the beginning of the session, and of a reference to the fact that the Committee had set up a working group to prepare for a future exchange of views on article 1 of the Convention.

18. Mr. KOLOSOV proposed two amendments to section F (Agenda). First, "Election of the officers of the Committee" should be included as a separate agenda item. Secondly, in the first line, the phrase "had before it" should be substituted for "adopted".

19. He also wished to support the secretariat's proposal to include in the annexes the table on the status of submission of reports as at 23 May 1995, with an appropriate amendment to the data for the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

20. Chapter II, as amended, was adopted.

Chapter III. Reports by States parties under article 44 of the Convention

21. Ms. SANTOS PAIS (Rapporteur) pointed out that the chapter referred to reports which had been received and reports which had been discussed by the Committee, and to the fact that consideration of the report of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia had been postponed because the delegation had been unable to attend, as had been explained in a letter received by the Committee. That letter and the Committee's reply to it were contained in an annex to the report.

22. Chapter III was adopted.

Chapter IV. Overview of the other activities of the Committee

23. Ms. SANTOS PAIS (Rapporteur) said that the chapter was divided into six sections. Section I gave an outline of the preparatory process for the Fourth World Conference on Women, to take place in Beijing in September 1995, at which the Committee would be represented. Subsequent sections dealt with the outcome of meetings between the Committee and the United Nations expert on the impact of armed conflict on children, the Special Rapporteur on Rwanda, and the Special Rapporteur on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography and with certain aspects of the Committee's cooperation with United Nations agencies and other competent bodies. The final section in the chapter was devoted to preparations for a future general discussion on the question of the administration of juvenile justice.

24. Chapter IV was adopted.

Chapter V. Draft provisional agenda for the tenth session

25. Chapter V was adopted.

Chapter VI. Adoption of the report

26. Chapter VI was adopted.

27. The report of the Committee on the ninth session (CRC/C/43), as amended, was adopted, subject to corrections of typographical errors.

CLOSURE OF THE SESSION

28. The CHAIRPERSON thanked all the members of the Committee, representatives of other United Nations bodies and of non-governmental organizations, and members of the secretariat for their cooperation and efforts throughout the session.

29. She declared the ninth session of the Committee closed.

The meeting rose at 12.40 p.m.